



University of Massachusetts
Laboratory Safety Coordinators
Minutes of October 4 Meeting
Draper Hall 102

Present: Phyllis Berman, Erika Hamilton, Jim Hanchett, Sally Ives, Elaine Batista Nogueira, Francis Merrigan, Joe Smith, Cole Tucker, Sherry Webb-Yagodzinski, Ryan Feyrer, Barry Braun, Ruth Witkowsky, David Finklestein, Al Rakouskas, Joy Ward, Helene Cunningham, Richard Wood, Adrian Parsegian, Kim Howell, Alex Briseno, Agnes Lacreuse, Becky Lawlor, Sondra Slesinski, Ruth Witkowsky, Glenda Pons, Jim Field, Don Robinson, Dave Hoagland, Yung Morgan, Betsy Blunt.

Meeting Start: 9:35
Meeting End: 10:30

1. Betsy Blunt welcomed the Coordinators to the 1st meeting of the academic year.
2. Don Robinson, Director of EHS, thanked the Coordinators for their commitment to the program. He emphasized the importance of their position to the culture of safety on the UMass campus. Don mentioned that the letter sent to the Department Heads to confirm assignments of Safety Coordinators was also copied to the Dean of the respective departments. He introduced Dave Hoagland, Department Head of Polymer Science and Engineering and the Chair of the Institutional Chemical Safety Committee (ICSC).
3. Dave Hoagland addressed the Coordinators and supported their role as a key component in communication with EHS and their respective departments. Dave conveyed the safety issues in the Polymer Science Department and how his department accomplishes their goals for maintaining a safe working environment. A discussion followed regarding liabilities and roles of coordinators in their departments. EHS with ICSC approval will attempt to resolve some of these issues this academic year.
4. Betsy presented five documents from UMass Human Resources Department regarding Injury Reporting.
5. Topics for future Coordinator meetings were presented. Coordinators should email Yung and Betsy with any suggestions for topics.
6. The latest edition (2011) of Prudent Practices in the Laboratory was discussed.
7. The Table of Contents for the UMass Amherst Chemical Hygiene Plan was presented. Review of roles and expectations of Safety Coordinators will be discussed at future Coordinator meetings.
8. Coordinators were given a preview of the front page of the new EHS web site.

The next scheduled meeting is on November 2nd at 9:30 Draper room 102.